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# List of governors of dependent territories in the 16th century

This is a list of territorial governors in the 16th century (1501–1600) AD, such as the administrators of colonies, protectorates, or other dependencies. Where applicable, native rulers are also listed.

A dependent territory is normally a territory that does not possess full political independence or sovereignty as a sovereign state yet remains politically outside of the controlling state's integral area.[1] The administrators of uninhabited territories are excluded.

## England

### Kingdom of England

English overseas possessions

- *Monarchs*

*British Isles*

- Guernsey, Crown dependency
  - British monarchs are the Dukes of Normandy
  - Governors
    - Edward Weston, Governor (1486–1509)
    - Richard Weston,[2] Governor (1509–1541)
    - Francis Weston, co-Governor (1533–1536)
    - Richard Long,[3] Governor (1541–1545)
    - Peter Mewtis,[2][3] Governor (1545–1553)
    - Leonard Chamberlain,[2][3] Governor (1553–1561)
    - Francis Chamberlain,[2][3] Governor (1561–1570)
    - Thomas Leighton,[2][3] Governor (1570–1609)
  - Bailiffs
    - John Martin,[3] Bailiff (1499–1510)
    - James Guille,[3] Bailiff (1511–1537)
    - Thomas Compton,[3] Bailiff (1538–1544)
    - John Haryvell,[3] Bailiff (1545–1549)
    - Hellier Gosselin,[3] Bailiff (1549–1562)
    - Thomas Compton,[3] Bailiff (1562–1570)
    - Guillaume de Beauvoir,[3] Bailiff (1571–1581)

        - Thomas Wigmore,[3] Bailiff (1581–1588)
        - Louis de Vic,[3] Bailiff (1588–1600)

- Lordship of Ireland, a papal fief of England
    - English monarchs are the Lords of Ireland
    - Lord Deputy of Ireland
        - Gerald FitzGerald, 8th Earl of Kildare (1496–1513)
        - Gerald FitzGerald, 9th Earl of Kildare (1513–1518)
        - Sir Maurice Fitzgerald [4]
        - Thomas Howard, Earl of Surrey (1520–1522)[5]
        - Piers Butler, 8th Earl of Ormonde (1522–1524)
        - Gerald FitzGerald, 9th Earl of Kildare (1524–1529)
        - Sir William Skeffington (1529–1532)
        - Gerald FitzGerald, 9th Earl of Kildare (1532–1534)
        - Sir William Skeffington (1534–1535)
        - Leonard Grey, 1st Viscount Grane (1536–1540)

- Kingdom of Ireland, effectively a client state of England
    - English monarchs are the Monarchs of Ireland
    - Lord Deputy of Ireland
        - Anthony St Leger (1540–1548)
        - Edward Bellingham (1548–1549)
        - *Lord Justices* (1549–1550)
        - Anthony St Leger (1550–1551)
        - James Croft (1551–1552)
        - *Lord Justices* (1552–1553)
        - Anthony St Leger (1553–1556)
        - Thomas Radclyffe, 3rd Earl of Sussex (1556–1558) (Lord Lieutenant 1560–1564)[6]
        - Sir Nicholas Arnold(1564–1565)
        - Sir Henry Sidney (1565–1571) (1575–1578)[7]
        - William FitzWilliam (1571–1575) (1588–1594)
        - Arthur Grey, 14th Baron Grey de Wilton (1580–1582)
        - Sir John Perrot (1584–1588)
        - William Russell, 1st Baron Russell of Thornhaugh (1594–1597)
        - Thomas Burgh, 7th Baron Strabolgi (1597)
        - Robert Devereux, 2nd Earl of Essex (Lord Lieutenant of Ireland 1599)

*North America*

- Roanoke Colony
    - Governors

- Walter Raleigh, Lord and Governor (1585–c.1590)
    - Ralph Lane, Acting Governor (1585–1586)
    - John White, Acting Governor (1587)

# France

**Ancien Régime of France**
French colonial empire

- *Heads of state*

*North America*

- New France
    - Lieutenant generals
        - Jean-François Roberval, Lieutenant general (1541–1543)
        - vacant (1543–1598)
        - Marquis de la Roche-Mesgouez, Lieutenant general (1598–1603)[8][9]

# Portugal

**Kingdom of Portugal**
Portuguese colonial empire
Monarchs

## *Africa*

- Portuguese Angola
    - Governors
        - Paulo Dias de Novais, Donatario (1575–1589)
        - Luís Serrão, Governor (1589–1591)
        - André Ferreira Pereira, Governor (1591–1592)
        - Francisco de Almeida, Governor (1592–1593)
        - Jerónimo de Almeida, Governor (1593–1594)
        - João Furtado de Mendonça, Governor (1594–1602)
- Portuguese Cape Verde
    - Santiago
        - Rodrigo Afonso, Captains (1473–1505)
    - Ribeira Grande

- Captains
  - Sebastião Álvares de Landim, Captain (1508–?)
  - Fernão Mendes, Captain (1515–c.1516)
  - João Alemão, Captain (1517–?)
  - João Correia de Souza, Captain (1536–?)
  - António Correia de Souza, Captain (1544–?)
  - Manuel de Andrade, Captain (1555–?)
  - Constantino de Bragança, Captain (1562–?)
- Boa Vista
  - Captains
    - Rodrigo Afonso, Captain (1497–1505)
    - Pêro Correia, Captain (1505–?)
    - António Correia, Captain (?–1542)
    - Maria Correia, Captain (1542–?)
- Alcatrazes Islands
  - Captains
    - Afonso Ribeiro, Captain (1504–?)
    - Rodrigi Varela, Captain (1508–?)
- Praia
  - Captains
    - André Rodrigues dos Mosquitos, Captain (1526–1527)
    - Gomes Balieiro, Captain (1527–?)
    - Manuel Correia, Captain (1570–?)
- Fogo
  - Captains
    - João de Meneses Vasconcellos, conde de Penela, Captain (1528–1529)
    - Afonso de Meneses, conde de Penela, Captain (1528–?)
- Sal, Santa Luzia and Brava
  - Captains
    - Luís Pereira, Captain (1542–?)
    - Martinho Pereira, Captain (1553–?)
- Santo Antão
  - Gonçalo de Sousa, Captains (1548–?)
- Governors of Cape Verde
  - Pêro de Guimarães, Corregedor (?–1517)
  - João Alemão, Corregedor (1517–1521)

        - Leonis Correia, Corregedor (1521–1527)
        - Gaspar Correia, Corregedor (1527–1534)
        - Estêvão de Lagos, Corregedor (1534–1536)
        - André Feio, Corregedor (1536–1541)
        - Simão Afonso, Corregedor (1539–1541)
        - Pêro Moniz, Corregedor (1541–1544)
        - António Ferreira, Corregedor (1544–1547)
        - Pêro de Araujo, Corregedor (1547–1550)
        - Jorge Pimentel, Corregedor (1550–1556)
        - Manuel de Andrade, Corregedor (1556–1559)
        - Luís Martins de Evangelho, Corregedor (1559–1560)
        - Gregório Martins Caminha, Corregedor (1560–1562)
        - Bernardo de Alpoim, Corregedor (1562–1571)
        - António Velho Tinoco, Corregedor (1571–1577)
        - Cristóvão Soares de Mello, Corregedor (1577–1579)
        - Diogo Dias Magro, Corregedor (1579–1584)
        - Gaspar de Andrade, Corregedor (1584–1588)
        - Amador Gomes Raposo, Corregedor (1588–1588)
        - Duarte Lobo da Gama, Governor (1588–1591)
        - Brás Soares de Melo, Governor (1591–1595)
        - Francisco Lobo da Gama, Governor (1597–1603)

- Portuguese São Tomé
    - Captains, Governors
        - Fernão de Melo, Captain (1499–c.1510)
        - unspecified (c.1510–c.1516)
        - Diogo de Alcáçova, Captain (c.1516–c.1517)
        - João de Melo, Captain (c.1517–1522)
        - Vasco Estevens, Captain (1522–?)
        - unspecified (?–1531)
        - Henrique Pereira, Captain (1531–c.1535)
        - unspecified (c.1535–1541)
        - Diogo Botelho Pereira, Captain (1541–1545)
        - Francisco de Barros de Paiva, Captain (1546–c.1554)
        - Pedro Botelho, Captain (c.1558–?)
        - unspecified (?–1560)
        - Cristóvão Dória de Sousa, Captain (1560–1564)
        - Francisco de Gouveia, Captain (1564–1569)
        - Francisco de Pavia Teles, Captain (1569–1571)
        - Diogo Salema, Captain (1571–1575)
        - António Monteiro Maciel, Captain (1575–c.1582)
        - unspecified (c.1582–c.1584)
        - Francisco Fernandes de Figueiredo, Captain (c.1584–1586), Governor (1586–1587)

        - Miguel Teles de Moura, Governor (1587–1591)
        - Duarte Peixoto da Silva, Governor (1591–1592)
        - Francisco de Vila Nova, Acting Governor (1592–1593)
        - Fernandes de Meneses, Governor (1593–1597)
        - Vasco de Carvalho, Governor (1597–c.1598)
        - João Barbosa da Cunha, Acting Governor (c.1598–1601)

- Portuguese Moçambique
    - Captains major, Captains general
    - Captaincy of Sofala under Viceroy of India
        - Sancho de Tovar, Captain major (1501–1505)
        - Pêro de Anaia, Captain major (1505–1506)
        - Manuel Fernandes de Meireles, Acting Captain major (1506)
        - Nuno Vaz Pereira, Captain major (1506–1507)
    - Captaincy of Sofala and Moçambique under Viceroy of India
        - Vasco Gomes de Abreu, Captain major (1507–1508)
        - Rui de Brito Patalim, Acting Captain major (1508–1509)
        - António de Saldanha, Captain major (1509–1512)
        - Simão de Miranda de Azevedo, Captain major (1512–1515)
        - Sancho de Tovar, Acting Captain major (1512–1515)
        - Cristóvão de Távora, Captain major (1515–1518)
        - Sancho de Tovar, Captain major (1518–1521)
        - Diogo de Sepúlveda, Captain major (1521–1525)
        - Lopo de Almeida, Captain major (1525–1528)
        - António da Silveira de Meneses, Captain major (1528–1531)
        - Vicente Pegado, Captain major (1531–1538)
        - Alexio Chicorro, Captain major (1538–1541)
        - João de Sepúlveda, Captain major (1541–1548)
        - Fernão de Sousa de Távora, Captain major (1548–1551)
        - Diogo de Mesquita, Captain major (1551–1553)
        - Diogo de Sousa, Captain major (1553–1557)
        - Sebastião de Sá, Captain major (1557–1560)
        - Pantaleão de Sá, Captain major (1560–1564)
        - Jerónimo Barreto, Captain major (1564–1567)
        - Pedro Barreto Rolim, Captain major (1567–1569)
    - Captaincy-general of Moçambique
        - Francisco Barreto, Captain general (1569–1573)
        - Vasco Fernandes Homem, Acting Captain general (1573–1577)
        - Fernando Monroi, Acting Captain general (1577)
        - Simão de Silveira, Acting Captain general (1577)
        - Pedro de Castro, Captain general (1577–1582)
        - Nuno Pereira, Captain general (1582–1586)

        - Jorge Telo de Meneses, Captain general (1586–1589)
        - Lourenço de Brito, Captain general (1589–1590)
        - Pedro de Sousa, Captain general (1590–1595)
        - Nuno da Cunha Ataíde, Captain general (1595–1598)
        - Álvaro Abranches, Captain general (1598–1601)

- Portuguese Tangier
    - Governors
        - Lopo Vaz de Azevedo, Governor (1490?–1501)
        - João de Meneses, Governor (1501–1508)
        - Duarte de Meneses, Governor (1508–1521)
        - Henrique de Meneses, Governor (1521–1522)
        - Duarte de Meneses, from Évora, Governor (1522–1533)
        - Gonçalo Mendes Sacoto, Governor (1533–1536)
        - Duarte de Meneses, Governor (1536–1539)
        - João de Meneses, Governor (1539–1546)
        - Francisco Botelho, Governor (1546–1548)
        - Pedro de Meneses, Governor (1548–1550)
        - João Álvares de Azevedo, Governor (1550–1552)
        - Luís de Loureiro, Governor (1552–1553)
        - Fernando de Menezes, Governor (1553)
        - Luís da Silva de Meneses, Governor (1553–1554)
        - Bernardim de Carvalho, Governor (1554–1564)
        - Lourenço de Távora, Governor (1564–1566)
        - João de Meneses, Governor (1566–1572)
        - Rui de Carvalho, Governor (1572–1573)
        - Diogo Lopes da Franca, Governor (1573–1574)
        - António of Portugal, Governor (1574)
        - Duarte de Meneses, Viceroy of Portuguese India, Governor (1574–1578)
        - Pedro da Silva, Governor (1578)
        - Jorge de Mendonça, Governor (1578–1581)
        - Francisco de Almeida, Governor (1581–1590)
        - Belchior da França, Simão Lopes de Mendonça, Governor (1590–1591)
        - Aires de Saldanha, Governor (1591–1599)
        - António Pereira Lopes de Berredo, Governor (1599–1605)

### *Asia*

- Portuguese India

### *South America*

- Colonial Brazil

- Governors general
  - Tomé de Sousa, Governor general (1549–1553)
  - Duarte da Costa, Governor general (1553-1558)
  - Mem de Sá, Governor general (1558-1572)
  - Luís de Brito de Almeida, Governor general (1573-1578, Bahia)
  - Cristóvão de Barros, Governor general (1572-1574, Rio de Janeiro)
  - Lourenço da Veiga, Governor general (1578-1581)
  - António Barreiros, Interim Governor general (1581-1583)
  - Manuel Teles Barreto, Governor general (1583-1587)
  - António Barreiros, Interim Governor general (1587-1591)
  - D. Francisco de Sousa, Governor general (1591-1602)

# Spain

**Habsburg Spain**

Spanish colonial empire

Monarchs

## *Caribbean*

- Colony of Santiago
  - Governors
    - Juan de Esquivel, Governor (1510–1514)
    - Francisco de Garay, Governor (1514–1523)
    - Pedro de Mazuelo, Governor (1523–1526)
    - Juan de Mendegurren, Governor (1526–1527)
    - Santino de Raza, Governor (1527–1531)
    - Gonzalo de Guzman, Governor (?–1532)
    - Manuel de Rojas, Governor (1532–?)
    - Gil González Dávila, Governor (1533?–1534?)
    - Manuel de Rojas, Governor (1536–?)
    - Pedro Cano, Governor (1539?)
    - Francisco de Pina, Governor (1544?)
    - Juan González de Hinojosa, Governor (1556?)
    - Pedro Cano, Governor (1558?)
    - Blas de Melo, Governor (1565?)
    - Juan de Gaudiel, Governor (1567?–1572?)
    - Hernán Manrique de Rojas, Governor (1575?)
    - Iñigo Fuentes, Governor (?–1577)
    - Rodrigo Núñez de la Peña, Governor (1577–1578)
    - Lucas del Valle Alvarado, Governor (1578–1583?)
    - Diego Fernández de Mercado, Governor (1586?)
    - Lucas del Valle Alvarado, Governor (1591?)

- García del Valle, Governor (1596?)
- Fernando Melgarejo Córdoba, Governor (1596–1606)

### *Europe*

- Spanish Netherlands
  - Governors
    - Engelbert II of Nassau, Governor (1501-1504)
    - William de Croÿ, Governor (1504-1507)
    - Margaret of Austria, Governor (1507-1530)
    - Mary of Austria, Governor (1531-1555)
    - Emmanuel Philibert of Savoy, Governor (1555-1559)
    - Margaret of Parma, Governor (1559-1567)
    - Fernando Álvarez de Toledo, Governor (1567-1573)
    - Luis de Requesens y Zúñiga, Governor (1573-1576)
    - John of Austria, Governor (1576-1578)
    - Alexander Farnese, Governor (1578-1592)
    - Peter Ernst I von Mansfeld-Vorderort, Governor (1592-1594)
    - Ernest of Austria, Governor (1594-1595)
    - Pedro Henriquez de Acevedo, Governor (1595-1596)
    - Albert of Austria, Governor (1596-1598)

### *North America*

- **Azcapotzalco** part of the Triple Alliance of the Aztec Empire (1428-1521)
  1. Don Carlos Oquiztzin, *Tlatoani* (English: "Ruler" or "King") (1499-1520?)[10]
- **Cuauhnahuac** dependency of Aztec Empire (1403=1520)[11]
  - Tehuehuetzin, *Tlatoani* (ruler or governor) (before 1491–1504)
  - Itzohuatzin (or Yoatzin), *Tlatoani* (?-1520)[12]
- **Ecatepec** [13]
  - Part of the Triple Alliance of the Aztec Empire (1428-1521)
    - Chimalpilli II, 4th *Tlatoani* (1498-1520)
  - Dependency of New Spain (1521-1547)
    - Diego de Alvarado Huanitzin, 5th *Tlatoani* (1520–1539)
    1. Don Diego Quauhpotonqui, 6th *Tlatoani* (1539-1547)
- **New Spain** *complete list* —
- Governor of the West Indies

- Diego Velázquez de Cuéllar, governor-general of Cuba (1518–1524)[14]

- Governors of New Spain
  - Hernán Cortés, governor and captain-general (1521, 1521–1524, 1526)[15]
  - Cristóbal de Tapia, governor (1521)[16]
  - Alonso de Estrada, Rodrigo de Albornoz, Alonso de Zuazo, Triumvirate (1524)
  - Gonzalo de Salazar, Pedro Almíndez Chirino, Alonso de Zuazo, Triumvirate (1524–1525)
  - Gonzalo de Salazar, Pedro Almíndez Chirino, Alonso de Estrada, Rodrigo de Albornoz, Alonso de Zuazo, Triumvirate (1525)
  - Gonzalo de Salazar, Pedro Almíndez Chirino, Alonso de Zuazo, Triumvirate (1525)
  - Gonzalo de Salazar, Pedro Almíndez Chirino, Triumvirate (1525–1526)
  - Alonso de Estrada, Rodrigo de Albornoz, Triumvirate (1526)
  - Luis Ponce de León, Triumvirate (1526)[17]
  - Marcos de Aguilar, Governor (1526–1527)
  - Alonso de Estrada, Gonzalo de Sandoval, Luis de la Torre, Triumvirate (1527)
  - Alonso de Estrada, Luis de la Torre, Triumvirate (1527–1528)
  - Nuño Beltrán de Guzmán, Juan Ortiz de Matienzo, Diego Delgadillo, Triumvirate (1528–1529)
  - Juan Ortiz de Matienzo, Diego Delgadillo, Triumvirate (1529–1531)
  - Sebastián Ramírez de Fuenleal, Vasco de Quiroga, Juan de Salmerón, Alonso de Maldonado, Francisco Ceinos, Triumvirate (1531–1535)

- Viceroys
  - Antonio de Mendoza, Viceroy (1535–1550)[18]
  - Luís de Velasco, Viceroy (1550–1564)[19]
  - Gastón de Peralta, Viceroy (1566–1567)[20]
  - Alonso Muñoz and Luis Carrillo, Viceroys (1567–1568)
  - Martín Enríquez de Almanza, Viceroy (1568–1580)[21]
  - Lorenzo Suárez de Mendoza, Viceroy (1580–1583)[22]
  - Pedro Moya de Contreras, Viceroy (1584–1585)[23]
  - Álvaro Manrique de Zúñiga, Viceroy (1585–1590)[24]
  - Luis de Velasco, Viceroy (1590–1595, 1607–1611)[19]
  - Gaspar de Zúñiga, Viceroy (1595–1603)[25]

*Tenochtitlan* (dependency of *New Spain*)

- Juan Velázquez Tlacotzin, 13th *Tlatoani* (1525-1526)[26]
- Andrés de Tapia Motelchiuh, 14th *Tlatoani* (1525–1530)
- Pablo Xochiquentzin, *Cuauhtlatoani* (Eagle Captain) (1536)[27]
- Diego de Alvarado Huanitzin, 15th *Tlatoani* of Mexico-Tenochtitlan and 1st governor of San Juan Tenochtitlan (1539–1541)
- Diego de San Francisco Tehuetzquititzin, 16th *Tlatoani* of Mexico-Tenochtitlan and 2nd governor of San Juan Tenochtitlan (1541-1554)[28][29]

        - Esteban de Guzmán, judge of San Juan Tenochtitlan (1554-1557)
        - Cristóbal de Guzmán Cecetzin, 17th *Tlatoani* of Mexico-Tenochtitlan and 3rd governor of San Juan Tenochtitlan (1557-1562)[29]
        - Luis de Santa María Nanacacipactzin, 18th *Tlatoani* of Mexico-Tenochtitlan and 4th governor of San Juan Tenochtitlan (1563–1565)[29]

### *South America*

- Governorate of New Castile
    - Governors
        - Francisco Pizarro, Governor (1528–1541)
        - Cristóbal Vaca de Castro, Governor (1541–1544)
        - Gonzalo Pizarro, usurper Governor (1544–1548)
- Viceroyalty of Peru
    - Viceroys
        - Blasco Núñez Vela, Viceroy (1544–1546)
        - Pedro de la Gasca, Viceroy (1546–1549)
        - Antonio de Mendoza, Viceroy (1550–1551)
        - Melchor Bravo de Saravia, Viceroy (1552–1556)
        - Andrés Hurtado de Mendoza, Viceroy (1556–1561)
        - Diego López de Zúñiga, Viceroy (1561–1564)
        - Juan de Saavedra, Viceroy (1564)
        - Lope García de Castro, Viceroy (1564–1569)
        - Francisco de Toledo, Viceroy (1569-1581)
        - Martín Enríquez de Almanza, Viceroy (1581–1583)
        - Cristóbal Ramírez de Cartagena, Viceroy (1584)
        - Fernando Torres de Portugal y Mesía, Viceroy (1584–1589)
        - García Hurtado de Mendoza, Viceroy (1590–1596)
        - Luis de Velasco, Viceroy (1596–1604)

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